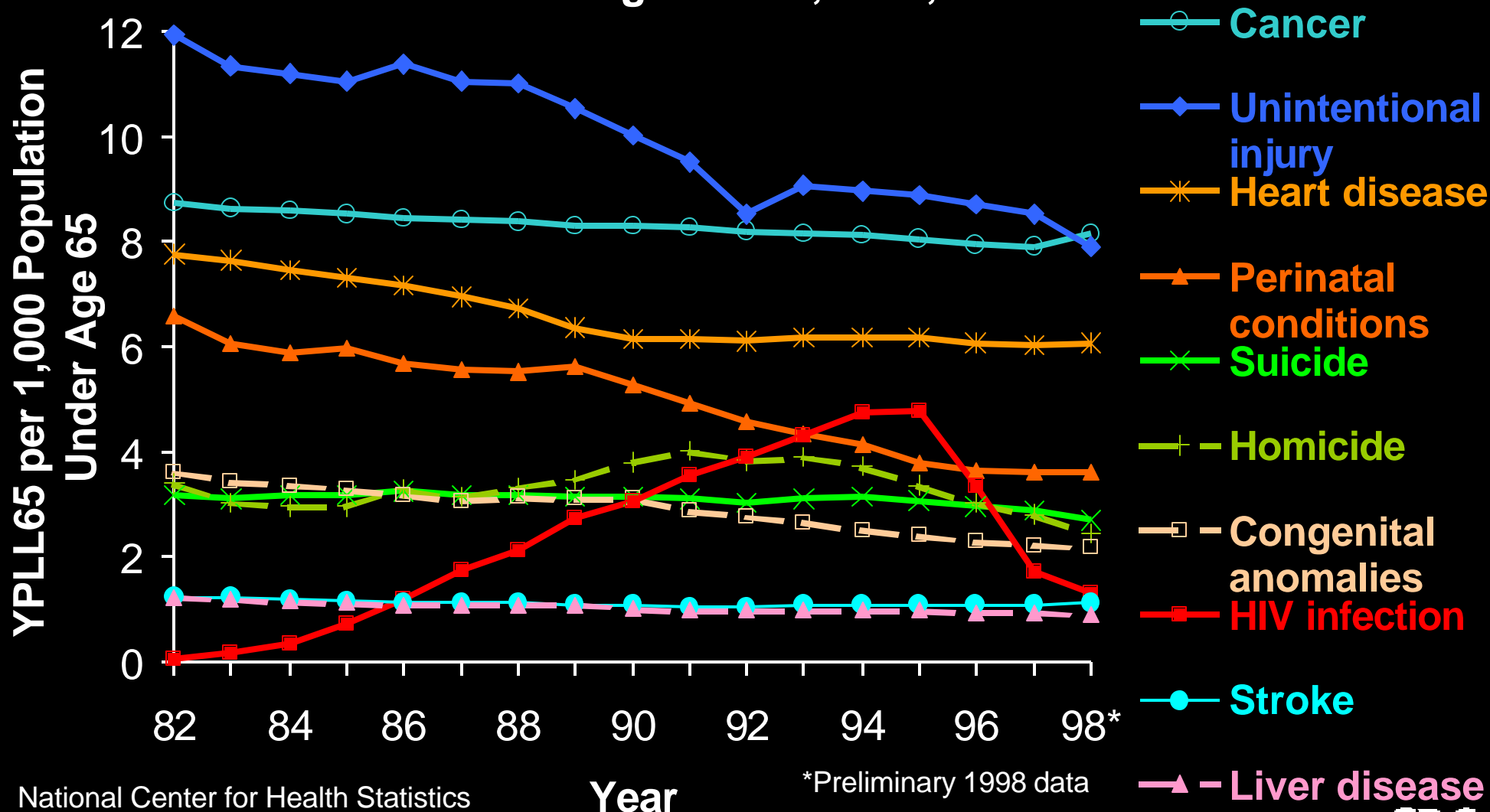


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A useful way to compare HIV infection with other causes of death is to measure their impact on premature mortality in terms of years of potential life lost before 65 years of age (YPLL65). The number of YPLL65 for each death under age 65 is equal to 65 minus the age at death. The YPLL65 due to a given cause of death is the sum of the YPLL65 for the individuals who died from that cause. (Deaths at age 65 or older are not included in the calculation.) HIV infection was the fourth leading cause of YPLL65 in 1994 and 1995, when it caused 9% of all YPLL65. It dropped to 8th place in 1998, when it caused about 3% of total YPLL65.